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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUPS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

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1. REFTTEL RECEIVED AFTER AMBASSADOR'S MEETING JUNE 27 WITH PRINCE FAHD, SAUDI MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND SAUDI HEAD OF THE NEW U.S.-SAUDI COMMISSIONS. HE WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 30 WHEN CONTENTS WERE PASSED TO HIM.
2. SAUDIS WILL PROBABLY ADJUST TO DELAY. ALTHOUGHT THEY HAVE BEEN PLANNING ON OTHER DATES, A DELAY WILL GIVE THEM TIME TO FINISH THE BUDGET. WE URGE THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER CHANGES.
3. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT PARSKY WILL COORDINATE WORKING GROUPS AND THAT SECRETARY SIMON WILL BE OPENING TALKS. WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE SEPARATE MEETINGS ON FINANCE AND ENERGY FOR SECRETARY SIMON ON JULY 20-21. THIS WILL BE DONE DISCREETLY AS WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO UPSTAGE THE FIRST WORKING GROUP ITSELF.
4. (WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF FRIDAYS HERE AND PLAN FRIDAY MEETINGS FOR U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY. IT IS EVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE MEETINGS ON FRIDAY

THAN IT IS ON SUNDAY IN THE U.S.-AND ATTEMPTS TO DO
IT ARE APPRECIATED EVEN LESS BY SAUDIS THAN ARE
SUNDAY MEETINGS BY U.S. BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS.
IF IT APPEARS THAT BILATERAL MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED
ON FRIDAY, WE SHOULD LET THE SAUDIS PROPOSE THEM.)
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